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Dear FCC,

I attended a meeting at my Cayuga Bird Club last night and one of the topics presented was how communication towers hinder birds by interfering with their migration patterns. It was not surprising to me to hear how some birds are killed from collision with these tower, but I never knew - or would have imagined the vast number that are sometimes killed in a single night during peak migration periods. The figure is over ONE THOUSAND BIRDS per night.

This is totally heart breaking and considering more and more towers are going up every day to keep us all 'connected' out here in cyber space; I definitely feel we should take some steps to make these towers more noticeable to our feathered friends so they have ample time to divert their paths from certain death.

I am a travel agent by trade and I specialize in travel to Australia & New Zealand. I encourage people to enjoy bird watching both here and aboard. As an avid birder here at home I have 10 acres of land bordering state forest that I develop to encourage birds to not only visit, but to come and build their own homes. The thought of the number of birds that visit each year declining from such drastic reduction caused by the ever increasing number of communication towers totally appalls me.

PLEASE – do what ever you can to reduce that number of fatalities.

Sincerely,



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